

Student Residence Office
Guidelines for Prevention of Influenza Pandemic in Student Residence
(For Residence Masters and Tutors)

1. General Principles:

- 1.1 Focus on the individual and collective well-being of the residents.
- 1.2 Stay vigilant. Keep abreast of new developments, both locally and globally.
- 1.3 Engage sick students to seek medical consultation as soon as possible.
- 1.4 Act promptly. Gather all necessary information and report relevant cases to the appropriate person (see Communication Channels in item 2).
- 1.5 Protect the privacy of the resident concerned, only release information to responsible persons on a need to know basis.

2. Communication Channels:

- 2.1 Resident to report cases to Residence Tutor
- 2.2 Residence Tutor to report cases to Residence Master
- 2.3 Residence Master to report cases to SRO Duty Officer (pager: 71006986).
- 2.4 SRO / SDS to report cases to Ad Hoc Group on Prevention of Avian Flu.

3. Self-screening Process in suspicion of Influenza A (H5)/ H1N1

- 3.1 Fever ($>38^{\circ}\text{C}$), AND
- 3.2 Cough and / or sore throat AND EITHER
- 3.3 History of contact with a suspected/ confirmed case of influenza A (H5 or H1N1) during the case's infectious period, OR
- 3.4 Recent (less than 1 week) visit to the affected areas, OR
- 3.5 Worked in a laboratory where there is processing of samples from persons or animals that are suspected to have infection.

4. Handling of Fever Case ($> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$)

- 4.1 The Residence Tutor/ Master has to ensure the fever patient is under medical care.
- 4.2 If the fever patient refuses to seek medical attention after repetitive advice, the Residence Master can contact the parents and consider the discretion of issuing "temporary suspension".
- 4.3 If situation allows, the fever patient should be advised to return home to receive better care and attention. The Residence Tutor should continue to monitor his/ her situation after the fever patient stays at home.
- 4.4 If the fever patient stays in the hall, the Residence Master can assess the situation and arrange the student to stay in the emergency room located on G/F. The student should wear face masks and refrain from staying in communal areas, and take extra caution in personal hygiene.

- 4.5 Residence Tutor should monitor the situation of the fever patient. Residence Tutor should wear face mask when interacting with the fever patient and take extra caution in personal hygiene.
- 4.6 Collect and compile all information and clearly communicate to all Residence Tutors, Residence Master, SRO and concerned residents.

5. Contingency plans

The influenza pandemic response system of the HKSAR consists of the following 3 levels. Based on the response level the government activates, the student residence would consider implementing special measures.

Level 1: Alert Response Level

When

- there are confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreaks in poultry populations **outside** Hong Kong;
- or
- there are confirmed cases of HPAI in Hong Kong **in** imported birds in quarantine, in wild birds, in recreational parks, in pet bird shops or in the natural environment
- or
- there is/are confirmed human case(s) of avian influenza **outside** Hong Kong,

Measures

- Enhance public health education for residents
- Set up disinfection gel dispensers at hall lobbies and multi-function halls
- Administer health questionnaires during massive check-in for residents

Level 2: Serious Response Level

When

- there are confirmed HPAI outbreaks in the environment of or among poultry population in retail markets, wholesale markets or farms **in** Hong Kong due to a strain with known human health impact.
- or
- there is/are confirmed human case(s) of avian influenza **in** Hong Kong **without** evidence of efficient human-to-human transmission.

Measures

- Increase cleaning frequency in communal areas
- Encourage students to wear masks in all communal areas
- Administer health questionnaires during massive check-in for residents
- Comply with guidelines issued by the government or the university

Level 3: Emergency Response Level

When

- there is evidence confirming efficient human-to-human transmission of novel influenza occurring **overseas** or **in Hong Kong**.
- or
- World Health Organization (WHO) declares an influenza pandemic (i.e. the influenza strain is beginning to cause several outbreaks in at least one country, and spread to other countries).

Measures

- Impose “No Visitor” rule in halls: only residents are allowed to enter the halls
- Impose “Must Wear Masks” within the hall premises
- Suspension/cancellation of hall activities that gather large crowd of people and/or involve food catering
- Comply with guidelines issued by the government or the university

6. Resources Available

- 6.1 University website: www.cityu.edu.hk/avianflu
Center for Health Protection website: <http://www.chp.gov.hk/>
- 6.2 Each hall reception counter is equipped with a thermometer and a limited supply of face masks.
- 6.3 An emergency room has been set up at the ground floor of each hall at Cornwall Street with independent air circulation and shower. At Jockey Club House, emergency rooms are set up on the floors.
- 6.4 During office hours, the fever patient can be referred to “Young Chung Yee Health Centre” (Tel: 3442-6066).
- 6.5 A list of 24-hour clinics and hospitals nearby is posted at the reception counter of each hall.

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